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In re Application of: SHIRAISHI

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For: METHOD FOR PREVENTING SEISMIC LIQUEFACTION OF GROUND IN

URBANIZED AREA AND FACILITIES USED IN THIS METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

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